

STORY 99.

HOW ABDUL KADIR REFUSED TO ACCEPT SERVICE
UNDER A QUAZI WHO TOOK BRIBES.

ONCE in the Punjab there was a pious Muslim named Abdul Kadir. He was universally respected for his learning and piety. Having finished his education he took up his residence at Bareilly,

When the Quazi of that place heard of his learning he offered to appoint him his son's tutor on a monthly allowance of one hundred rupees. Now the said Quazi was notorious for taking bribes and most of the money he possessed had been acquired by these unlawful means. Therefore Abdul Qadir in refusing his offer said to him, "As the money with which I am to be paid comes from bribery I cannot accept your offer, for bread got by unlawful means vitiates the very springs of action and weakens the power of the soul to do good."